

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION TWO (2) OF CHAPTER SEVENTY-SEVEN (77), ACTS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO ENACT A SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF STATE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS BY A SYSTEM OF CUMULATIVE VOTING, TO ENABLE MINORITY REPRESENTATION TO BE OBTAINED ON SAID BOARD.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That section two of chapter seventy-seven of the laws of the Seventeenth General Assembly is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof :

“Sec. 2. At the general election to be held in November, 1886, and every third year thereafter, three qualified voters of the State shall be elected Railroad Commissioners. Said officers shall be chosen by the cumulative system of voting ; that is to say, each voter may cast as many votes for one candidate as there are Commissioners to be elected, or may distribute the same, or equal parts thereof, among the candidates, as he sees fit ; and the three candidates highest in votes, shall be declared elected, and shall hold office for the term of three years, commencing on the first Monday of January next succeeding the date of such election, and until their successors are elected and qualified ; and the terms of all State Railroad Commissioners appointed by the Governor shall cease and determine on the first Monday in January, 1887, or as soon thereafter as said Commissioners, so elected as herein provided, shall qualify in accordance with law.”